Statement-II

Manpower position against sanctioned posts

Sl. No.	Name of Posts	No. of Posts Sanctioned	Filled
1.	Chairperson	1	1
2.	Chief Execuitve Officer	1	1
3.	Deputy Director	1	1
4.	Assistant Legal Advisor*	1	—
5.	Accounts Officer*	1	—
6.	Private Secretary	1	1
7.	Personal Assistant	2	1
8.	Assistant	1	—
9.	Upper Division Clerk	1	—
10.	Lower Division Clerk	1	2
11.	Peon/Chowkidar	3	2

* Since Recruitment Rules have not yet been finalized, appointments of one Legal Adviser and one Finance Officer have been made on retainership and consolidated salary respectively.

Schemes to strengthen the legal rights of senior citizens

2759. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for the welfare of the Senior Citizens of the country so as to get benefit of their long experience and strengthen their legal rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of those States where Welfare Schemes for these citizens are already being implemented without any Central assistance; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment does not compile any such information.

National Policy on Older Persons

2760. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formualted a National Policy on Older Persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the policy is already being implemented;

(d) whether the policy envisages setting up of more old age homes across the country;

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have formulated the National Policy on Older Persons which was announced in January, 1999, with the primary objective of encouraging individuals to make provision for their own as well as spouse's old age, to encourage families to take care of their older family members, to enable and support voluntary and non governmental organization to supplement the care provided by the family, to provide care and protection to the vulnerable elderly people, to provide health care facility to the elderly and to promote research and training facilites to train geriatric care givers and organizers of services for the elderly, to create awareness amongst elderly persons to develop themsleves into fully independent citizens.

(c) Yes, Sir.